



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer-  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Director of Parks and Recreation  
Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held September 23, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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At the time and place regularly set, notice having been duly given, the following item was called up:

Hearing on revised fees and charges, to be effective October 1, 2003, for the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area as follows: increase the vehicle entry fee and boat launch fee from \$6 to \$7, to be charged October 1 through April 30; increase the vehicle entry fee and boat launch fee from \$6 to \$8, to be charged May 1 through September 30; increase the annual vehicle entry pass fee from \$90 to \$120 and restrict the annual vehicle entry pass for all other regional parks to exclude Castaic Lake State Recreation Area; and increase the annual boat launch pass fee from \$80 to \$120 and restrict the annual boat launch pass for all other regional parks to exclude Castaic Lake State Recreation Area; also find that action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, as further described in the attached letter dated September 23, 2003 from the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Also Supervisors Burke and Antonovich's recommendation to instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate \$753,000 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the continued operation of the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area during the period of negotiations with the State to identify designated funding for the County to continue to operate Castaic Lake.

Tim Gallagher, Director of Parks and Recreation, was duly sworn and testified. Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. Clay Friedman, Tere Tucker, Lloyd Cardoz and Michael King addressed the Board. Written correspondence was presented.

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Burke and Antonovich:

“The Castaic Lake State Recreation Area has been operated, per an agreement with the State, by the County Department of Parks and Recreation since 1969. However, in response to a budgetary shortfall this year, it was determined that the County would transfer Castaic Lake to State operation as of July 1, 2003.

“Unfortunately, the State Department of Parks and Recreation, due to funding constraints at the State level, has indicated a likely inability to continue operating the lake as a recreational facility. Large numbers of lake users, area residents and businesses have contacted this Board indicating the hardships -- recreational and economic -- that would occur should the lake close if transferred to the State.

“While County Parks and Recreation has worked diligently since March of this year with state agencies to identify designated funding for continued County operation, this Board has authorized specified extensions of time, as it now stands, through September 30, 2003, to allow negotiations to proceed. The measure was tied up in larger budget issues and not brought forward by the end of the legislative session.

“Currently the Director of Parks and Recreation is continuing to work in a cooperative relationship with the Secretary of Resources for the State of California to bring the legislation up again, once the Legislature is back in session.

“We therefore recommend that the Board instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate \$753,000 to the County Department of Parks and Recreation, for continued County operation during this period of negotiation.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board closed the hearing and referred the matter to Closed Session to confer with County Counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation (one case), pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9.

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Following Closed Session, in Open Session, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Made a finding that the proposed fees are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act;
2. Adopted the attached resolution to revise fees and charges at Castaic Lake State Recreation Area effective October 1, 2003; and
3. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to allocate \$753,000 to the County Department of Parks and Recreation, for continued County operation during the period of negotiation with the State.

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Attachments

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Each Supervisor  
County Counsel